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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, now due to expire January 21, 2004, be extended for one month(s) and set to expire on February 21, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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